the manner in which the influential prisoners/undertrials in Tihar Jail are regularly taken out on conducted tours on one pretext or the other; and

(b) if so, what action Government are taking in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes. However, it is incorrect to say that any influential prisoners/undertrials in Tihar Jail are taken out on conducted tours.

(b) Does not arise.

Formation of Technological township

355. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the formation of Technological township in India for the Indian scientists who are working abroad and want to come back to India ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) how many Indian scientists are working in foreign countries and which country has maximum number of Indian scientists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) No Sir. There is no proposal under Government's consideration for the formation of Technological township in India for the Indian Scientists abroad. However, Department of Electronics have approved setting up of three technology parks by NRIs for hundred per cent export of software. These are :--

(1) Indo-American Capital and Technology Cooperation (ICAT) USA at Pune, Maharashtra.

(2) Indus Technology Incorporated USA at Kotagiri Tamil Nadu; and

(3) Indus Technology Incorporated USA at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Upto 1-1-1986, the number of Indian scientists/technologists, engineers and medical personnel registered in the Indians Trained Abroad Register maintained by C.S.I.R. was about 25,000. Out of this, more than 11,900 are reported to have returned to India. The maximum number of Indian scientists are likely to be in the U.S.A.

Gangotri Mission to Antarctica

356. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV :
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the recent Gangotri Mission to Antarctica;

(b) how many scientists and other experts are participating in the said mission; and

(c) what is the subject of their study at Antarctica ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The recent Gangotri Mission to Antarctica is the Fifth